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VIA FACSIMILE

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Re: *Ekhaus Declaration of Power of Attorney and Assignment
Our File No. 41822.2*

Dear Jim:

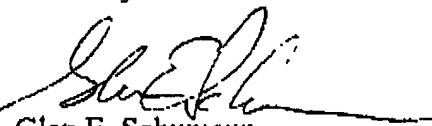
I have enclosed the form of the Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment that my client is willing to sign. I have enclosed both a black-lined version and a final version of the document, so that the changes are evident.

I am not going to attempt to put in writing an explanation of all of the changes that are evident from the enclosed document, but I am more than willing to talk to you about all of the changes. Please feel free to contact me regarding these proposed changes. I am available all day today and most of tomorrow morning.

Please understand that my client has at least two essential concerns. First, Mr. Ekhaus believes that nothing he has done is particularly novel and, therefore, he is concerned that there may be no "invention". Secondly, Mr. Ekhaus was not able to review the provisional and final applications to his complete satisfaction prior to the filing of the same. As a consequence, Mr. Ekhaus is concerned about making representations about applications containing information largely drafted by another and not fully pre-approved by Mr. Ekhaus.

I look forward to discussing this matter with you. Hopefully, the forms, as presented, are acceptable to your client. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Glen E. Schumann
GES/bj
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